



Welcome to Deaf Services Commission of Iowa

"Equal Communication, Education, and Access"

# SIGN of the TIMES SEPTEMBER 2008

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### "AUDISM UNVEILED"

**Audism Unveiled** exposes and explains another form of oppression prevalent in the Deaf community. Going beyond definitions, this powerful documentary uses real life experiences from Deaf people of varied social, racial, and educational boundaries--showing how this form of oppression does lasting and harmful damage.

**Audism Unveiled** will help educate and spread the knowledge that the oppressed are not alone, and share a common bond with many others who have experienced it. It is also beneficial to educate yourself, by seeing the many faces of audism, and the deep emotional scars resulting from this discrimination.

"Without doubt, many people are still waiting for the release of 'Audism Unveiled' because it is simply a MUST-WATCH film for the Deaf community members. Whenever it is released, it is strongly recommended that your community should host the event." Joey Baer

"Audists" are Deaf or Hearing people who think they are superior to others with lesser hearing and that process of a climbing supremacy on the backs of the audibly disabled is called "Audism." [David W. Boles](#)

Are you interested in learning something new?  
**HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY!**



Beth Benedict from Gallaudet University will be presenting the film called "Audism Unveiled" that is "open captioned for the sign impaired" and is about 50 minutes long. Following that she will facilitate a dialogue with the audience. Both

Deaf and Hearing people are encouraged to attend. Beth is Deaf, from a Deaf family. Her biography information is available on the Gallaudet University's website:

[http://commstudies.gallaudet.edu/Faculty-Staff/Communication\\_Studies/Benedict\\_Beth.xml](http://commstudies.gallaudet.edu/Faculty-Staff/Communication_Studies/Benedict_Beth.xml)

### DEAF WALK-A-THON HOSTED BY DEAF AWARENESS

**WHEN:** September 20th, 2008

**TIME:** 12 pm: Door Opens  
1:00 pm: Walk Begins

**WHERE:** DMACC, Ankeny  
Des Moines Area Community College  
**Building #6 by Lake**

2006 South Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny

**ADMISSION:** Adults: \$5; Kids: 3-12: \$3,  
2 and under Free  
(includes both walk-a-thon & film)

### FILM PRESENTED SPONSORED BY DEAF SERVICES COMMISSION OF IOWA



**TIME:** 2—4 p.m.

**WHERE:** DMACC, Bldg. #6 in Auditorium

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Questions or Comments?

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### Watch for CapTel commercials this fall!

Relay Iowa has announced that there will be CapTel television ads in Iowa on the four stations (CBS, NBC, ABC, and FOX) during the upcoming months of September, October and November. The promotion is targeting Iowans who are deaf or hard of hearing and could benefit from a Captioned Telephone (CapTel®). The CapTel phone works like a regular amplified phone...plus provides captions of the conversation to the user (comparable to captions provided on a captioned television) through Relay Iowa. Iowans can purchase their first CapTel phone for \$99 by contacting TTY/V 712-653-2440 or can get the phone through the Iowa Utilities Board's Equipment Distribution Program by contacting Telecommunications Access Iowa (TAI) 800-606-5099. If you have any questions about the CapTel phone please contact Relay Iowa Outreach Project Manager Lori Sporrer at TTY/V 712-653-2440 or at [lori.sporrer@hamiltonrelay.com](mailto:lori.sporrer@hamiltonrelay.com). We hope you will have the opportunity to see one of the television ads this fall!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**9/13: 9 am - 3 pm** Interpreter Workshop located at the Wildwood Lodge, 11431 Forest Ave., Clive. Hosted by Sorenson. Registration limited. Please RSVP to Kathy Rapp at [kathyr@sorenson.com](mailto:kathyr@sorenson.com).

**9/20: 12 - 4 pm** Deaf Walk-A-Thon hosted by Deaf Awareness located at DMACC, Des Moines Area Community College (Bldg. #6) - The Lake, 200 South Ankeny Blvd, Ankeny. 12 pm - Door opens, 1p.m.- Walk begins, Adults: \$5, Kids 3-12: \$3, 2 and under Free. Audism presentation by Beth Benedict from 2- 4 pm in Bldg. #6

**9/25: 7 pm** HLA-CI meets on Thursday evening at Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Ave., Des Moines, in the Penthouse Community Room. The featured speaker is George Khal, owner and CEO of Sound Clarity, Inc., of Iowa city. Mr. Khal will be presenting various assistive listening devices such as; amplified telephones, TV systems, and alerting systems for the home. You will be able to learn and test these new products on-site. A sign interpreter will be provided for this presentation. This a meeting open to the public, whether hearing, hard of hearing or deaf. We hope that you will join us. If questions, call Betty Hebard at 279-5248.

**9/27:** Iowa School for the Deaf (ISD) Homecoming Event

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